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Chief, FI

Director of Training

Area Re-familiarization Training for RQM/OIS Personnel

1. I have given careful consideration to your proposal that the Office of Training, in coordination with the FI Training Officer, evolve for the RQM/OIS Operations Research Panel an area re-familiarization program under the aegis of this Office and with the use of OTR funds.

2. I would be extremely reluctant to establish the precedent of placing responsibility for educational travel under the aegis of the Office of Training. While I recognize that the Office of National Estimates and the Office of Current Intelligence afford their personnel such opportunities, the responsibility, budgeting, and administration for these programs have been completely within their own jurisdiction.

3. A careful analysis of existing Agency regulations reveals no official authority for the establishment of area re-familiarization programs. Authority for programs of this type can only be derived from the broadest interpretation of Public Law 110, Section 10, subparagraph b. I am, accordingly, unwilling to undertake the sponsorship of programs of this type.

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